

Distributing His Millions.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 29.—John D. Rockefeller has made another huge gift to the University of Chicago. The sum is understood to be over \$1,000,000 but the exact figures are not given out.

For the last two months the trustees of the university have been endeavoring to persuade Mr. Rockefeller to give them \$2,000,000 in order to carry out one of their cherished plans.

The New York capitalist objected to the sum outright, but submitted a proposition for a vast sum to be given providing certain plans suggested be carried out. This proposition was submitted to the trustees yesterday.

"I cannot give you the exact figures," said one of the trustees yesterday afternoon, "but I will say that through the generosity of Mr. Rockefeller we have now a fund which will enable President Harper to carry forward the institution on the broad basis which he conceived for it."

Suffering in London.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—England is having and trying Christmas weather. Frost prevails throughout the country and the average temperature about twenty-one degrees above zero. In London it is difficult to see anything over a few feet away.

Many accidents have occurred in Glasgow, Manchester and Newcastle during the past few days, and two persons killed by an accident of this character at Ainslie yesterday.

Twelve skaters lost their lives by drowning in Great Britain yesterday. The poor are suffering terribly in London. The privation increases with the advance of winter, and multitudes continue to throng in from all parts of the country.

Advices from Lancashire state that the lock-out employes in the manufacturing districts had a hungry holiday, the most of them depending on charity for subsistence. Hundreds were going about begging, and it is feared that this weather will cause a loss of many lives.

Revealed by a Coroner's Jury.

HARTFORD, Ky., Dec. 29.—Recently a 16-year-old stepdaughter of William Milligan, a prominent republican politician and postmaster, died under suspicious circumstances. Milligan refused to allow an examination before her burial. The coroner's jury exhumed her remains and found that her death was caused by criminal operations. Milligan has so far escaped arrest.

A Starving Prince.

NICE, Dec. 29.—Prince Victor Nakachidze, son of General Bargratia, Prince of Georgia, has surrendered himself to the police of this city, as he is ill and starving and wishes to be cared for. He told the police that he was nihilist. He was sentenced to three years imprisonment for his connection with the Paris bomb makers, arrested and convicted in 1889. After serving out his time he was expelled from France. His present disregard of the decree expelling him constitutes the offense on account of which he gave himself up to the police.

A Rogue to Catch His Fate.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Dec. 29.—Following close upon the appointment of Bill Dalton, brother of the noted Dalton boys, as deputy United States marshal, comes the announcement of the appointment of Bill Lipsey to a similar position. Lipsey was formerly a member of the noted "Starr gang," a rival of the "Dalton gang" in bold border crimes. The Starr gang is under the command of Henry Starr, who recently shot and killed Deputy Dalton while resisting arrest. It was heard to remark that Starr did right in shooting Wilson (Lipsey) and Starr, having received Emmet Dalton's wounds he received the lead. The citizens of Coffeyville called the attack on the banks of the Dalton gang and killed our members by hand, has not yet been brought to trial. He has been indicted for murder, but the county attorney has had the case postponed until spring. It seems now that Emmet Dalton cannot be tried. The state, of course, cannot take a change of venue to another county, and Dalton will not. In this county it will be impossible to get an unprejudiced jury and Dalton will escape trial in the same way that James Brennan did, who murdered Sam Woods, and for whose trial an impartial jury could not be obtained.

Free at Last.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 29.—Brooks, the noted desperado, has at last succeeded in making his escape from the state penitentiary here. This is the fourth attempt. His last attempt was only a few days ago, when in company with three other convicts he was discovered digging a hole under the prison walls. He was then placed in a cell on the ground floor and in iron stocks. Understanding these precautions, he dug through his cell and, after stealing a saw and a supply of ammunition, by means of a rope let himself down by the side of the walls and is a free man. He was put in the penitentiary for ten years for robbing the express company some eighteen months ago.

Several thousand miles in one of the most interesting episodes of the history of the world. The information was obtained from the manuscript of a letter written by the famous astronomer, Simon Stevin, in 1588, when he was engaged in his studies at the University of Padua.

Important Evidence Found.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Figaro says a book containing copies of the correspondence with Herz and Arton, relating to votes in the Senate and Chamber of Deputies in favor of the Panama canal scheme, has been found in the office of the Panama Canal company. It is said to compromise a large number of senators and deputies. There are letters demanding money, together with dates on which payments were made. It will be made the basis of additional prosecutions. It establishes the fact that there was a blackmailer and go-between in the corruption of legislators.

Extreme socialists are again active. At a meeting of leaders it was decided to summon the people to meet when the chambers reassemble and appeal to the army not to take arms against the people.

The official report of Dr. Bronardel, who had charged of the autopsy on the body of Baron de Reinach, was made public today. It declares the analysis of the stomach reveals not the slightest trace of poison, and the conclusion was reached that his death was due to natural causes. The report is regarded with suspicion from certain quarters.

There are also not lacking persons who openly express the belief that Baron de Reinach was murdered and the official report to the contrary does not shake their belief. They argue that under present circumstances it is the safer plan for the ministre de autopsie to settle upon "natural causes" as the explanation for the death, rather than to seek out those who, these persons claim, are responsible for the baron's taking off.

Against all these, however, stands the reputation of Dr. Brouardel. Those who know him declare that nothing the government could offer him would induce him to attach his name to a false report, and if such a report was secretly decided upon, he would not in any way be a party to it.

This report is eagerly discussed, and in government circles is taken to end forever the question as to the baron's death. The de Reinach family, it is supposed, will accept the report as final as it removes from the baron the stigma of suicide.

The New Gold Fields.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30.—An evening paper prints a story of a fight alleged to have occurred at the new San Juan gold fields in Southern Utah. It is rather indefinite, but nothing further can be learned. The story is as follows: "There are nearly 1,000 men in the new fields, and there has been very little attention paid to the people staking off claims. The prospectors have simply devoted their time to prospecting and washing the sands to find the most promising locations. There have been a few claims staked out, however, in places where many colors to the pan have been found. But the lines of the claims, it is said were not recorded and a quarrel ensued. There were some seventeen men engaged in the conflict, and about 100 shots were fired, wounding a number of the combatants and killing a man whose name is said to be George Ferguson. No details of the trouble have been secured. The bare information of the trouble was brought into Denver by parties from southern Colorado, who received their information by way of Bluff City.

Dynamite Explosion.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—An explosion at 1:30 yesterday morning in the hall leading to the court office, between the ground floor and first story of the prefecture of police, has caused a sensation. The authorities are not decided as to whether the explosion was the work of an anarchist or merely an accident caused by a leakage of gas. An investigation is being held. The explosion caused no fatality, but windows were smashed and woodwork damaged, and a portion of the ceiling fell. The authorities are inclined to attribute the affair to anarchists, although not decided on that point. They think the explosion has nothing to do with the recent extradition and approaching trial of Francois, the anarchist accused of connection with the cafe Very explosion.

An investigation of the premises by experts has led to the discovery that the explosion was not caused by gas. It was undoubtedly the work of anarchists who had placed in the estrool a bomb heavily charged with chlorate powder. The result of the investigation has caused considerable excitement in official circles, where it is believed that the anarchists, taking advantage of the confusion attendant upon the revelations of the Panama scandal, have started to inaugurate a reign of terror similar to that which prevailed when Ravachol and his colleagues caused the explosions here when many of the wealthy residents of the city hastily packed their household effects and took refuge in the country. The best detectives in Paris have been detailed on the case and the arrests of anarchists are certain to follow.

Mobbed by the Citizens.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30.—Wednesday night a mob of 200 citizens in the town of Luling, James Parish, forced an entrance into the jail and took therefrom two negroes named Adam Grison and Lewis Fox. The mob carried the negroes to a neighboring tree and strung them up. The negroes entered the store of Abraham Silver, on Christmas evening, and attempted to rob the store. Samuel Grison, a clerk, attempted to shoot the negroes and was shot through the heart.

Excitement Over the New Gold Field.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31.—C. E. Parsell, an old-time prospector in Colorado and Utah, arrived in Denver yesterday direct from the San Juan river, the scene of the latest gold excitement. Mr. Parsell has been working placer claims on Colorado river for two years and is thoroughly acquainted with that country.

He says the rush of gold hunters to the diggings is something tremendous; claims have been staked out on the San Juan river for seventy-five miles from its mouth and twenty-five miles up the Colorado river. Men are pouring from Colorado, Utah and Arizona and staking claims over each other. Trouble is bound to follow.

Mr. Parsell says there is plenty of gold along the San Juan river, where bedrock is reached. The gold is coarse, one nugget he saw weighing five ounces. One trouble is lack of water, and it will cost money to work many of the claims. Living is enormously high. People who have taken supplies in with them will not sell at any price, and those who did not are suffering. Men are sleeping under the rocks, there being no materials at hand with which to build houses, and tents being a luxury they did not provide themselves with, so great was the hurry to reach the scene of excitement. Mr. Parsell says he saw many men making \$15 a day panning out dirt, but that a great deal of ground can only be worked at great expense. He is in the city purchasing machinery for claims owned by parties here.

Killed by a Tramp.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Yesterday morning the railway station at Brighton, on the Sacramento and Placer river road, burned to the ground. Search was made for Miss A. E. Ayers, the telegraph operator, and her remains were found in a corner of the ruins where the bed had been. The body was unrecognizable. The skull was found in pieces near the body and a pistol was picked up only a few feet away. Miss Ayers was reputed to have considerable money, but always said she did not fear to live alone. Three tramps were lounging about the station yesterday, and late in the afternoon Miss Ayers ordered them away. The theory is that they are implicated in the tragedy, though some people profess to believe that Miss Ayers committed suicide while despondent. The deceased was 35 years of age and her mother resides near Stanton, Neb.

Want's America's Protection.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Captain M. White of the schooner Maid of Orleans arrived forty days from the Gilbert islands. He brings some interesting news about the island over which the British established a protectorate last June. Old King Leburimoa, who had just returned from a visit to San Francisco protested against the usurpation by the British, as he preferred the Americans, and wished to have the United States extend protection to him. After the British annexed the islands the king sent an appeal to President Harrison, but his appeal was kept here by Captain Luttrell who feared that if he went east and was published in Europe it would lead to the king's deposition. Captain White says that for three days before the vessels sailed the king spent his time on board begging him to do something in this country to restore the islands to their former condition. It seems the natives have been so excited since the British protectorate that they have refused to gather any crops. They have also been incited by English traders to intrigue for the king's removal in favor of his son, who is partial to the British. The result is that the islanders are demoralized. The old king has but few followers and at any time liable to be driven away. The British are trying to drive the same tactics and are pursuing a policy in Samoa of the Germans em-

A Struggle for Freedom.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The explosion in the prefecture of the police is still discussed in the cafes and other places of public resort. There is some doubt in the public mind as to whether the outrage was the work of anarchists. Some people, and not a few, claim that the anarchists, though they take to themselves the credit of having caused the explosion, claim nothing whatever to do with the affair, and declare that the outrage was due to personal spite on the part of a discharged employe. Whatever the truth of the matter, the anarchists have taken advantage of the occasion to issue a manifesto couched in the usual blatant and absurdly ferocious style of those documents. The wrongs of the people, fire, blood and dynamite are expatiated upon at length, but the substance of the manifesto is that the time has come for the people to rise in their might and strike for freedom.

In Their Own Behalf.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 31.—Real estate circles are considerably excited over the developments on the sale of the Central High school building and ground, located at the corner of Olive and Fifteenth streets. Some time ago the property was sold at auction and brought only \$755 per front foot. A conservative estimate placed the value at from \$1,000 to \$1,300 per front foot. It now transpires that the real estate agents who conducted the sale were carrying on the sale in behalf of themselves.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

MEASURES CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON.

At the Nation's Capital—What is Being Done by the Senate and House—Old Matters Disposed Of and New Ones Considered.

The Senate and House.

The McGarrahan bill had the attention of the Senate for half the time Thursday's session lasted, and Mr. Hutton (Va.) closed his three days' speech in its favor. In presenting a batch of petitions asking postponement of the anti-option bill, Mr. Cockrell (Mo.) spoke of them as stereotyped petitions, marked with fraud and hardly entitled to be recognized as the kind of petitions that ought to be presented to the Senate. All petitions on the same subject were referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Mr. Perkins (Kan.) introduced a bill to enable the people of Oklahoma and of the Indian Territory to form a constitutional and State government and to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States. Referred to the Committee on Territories. The McGarrahan bill was then taken up and Mr. Hutton (Va.) continued his argument in favor of its passage over the President's veto. The anti-option bill was then taken up and Mr. Peffer (Kan.) continued his speech in favor of its passage. Mr. Washburn (Minn.) remarked that it was impossible to have a vote on the bill that day. After a short executive session the Senate adjourned until after the holidays. Immediately after the reading and approval of the Journal in the House, Mr. McMillin (Tenn.) moved an adjournment. This was defeated—42 to 48. The committees were called for reports, but without important results, and, as there was evidently no quorum present, the House also adjourned until after the holiday season.

An Old Lady in the Pulpit.

An old lady, who lived in the country, and never attended any place of worship, was persuaded by a Methodist minister to go and hear a well-known preacher on the following Sunday.

"But I don't know where to sit, sir," she told him.

"Oh, if you go up the first steps you come to, after entering the chapel" (meaning the stairs leading up to the gallery) "you may sit anywhere you like," said the minister.

She thanked him for his information, and when Sunday came put on her best clothes and went to the chapel.

Somehow she missed the gallery steps, and, entering the body of the building, she looked about for some, and, going up the first she saw, she plumped down into a comfortable chair which she found at the top.

First a surprised look went round among the worshippers assembled, then a titter ran through the whole of the large congregation, which nearly broke out into a hearty laugh when the preacher, going into the pulpit found an old lady in it, who said to him in an audible whisper: "I didn't know you took sittings here, sir."

Whereupon he explained that he was the preacher, and that this was the pulpit where he stood to preach from.

"Oh, all right, sir. You can go on. I won't disturb you," she replied, without attempting to move.

This quite took the solemnity out of the severest face in the place, and the preacher, after a moment, during which he was endeavoring to repress his laughter, tried to make it clear to her that it would be inconvenient for him if she remained in her place.

Terse Tales of the Telegraph.

A BLIZZARD has raged for a week in Indian Territory.

Gov. FRANKS of Missouri wants to be Secretary of the Interior.

The Wagner Car Company is building shops at Kansas City, Mo.

Snow at Tacoma, Wash., blocked all street car and electric lines.

Six troops of United States cavalry are scouting for Mexican revolts.

GEN. ROSECRANS will go to Angeles in hopes of health.

WORK has been commenced on a bridge across the Missouri river.

THE New York Chamber of Commerce has adopted resolutions on the anti-trust bill.

VICE PRES. HAY has tendered his resignation.

INDIAN TROOPS are engaging in a campaign against the Apaches.

CONGRESS is asked to appropriate \$1,500,000 for the expenses of the National Guard troops at the World's Fair.

THE bondsmen of City Treasurer Forrester, of St. Louis, will make good the \$63,000 embezzled by young Forrester.

THE trial of Henry Foster, for killing ex-Congressman J. B. Morgan, of Hernando, Miss., has begun at Water Valley, Tenn.

TWENTY State Fish Commissioners from various States and Canada met at Detroit to discuss a uniform law for a close fish season.

PETER HART, who nailed the stars and stripes to the broken staff on Fort Sumter during the bombardment of 1861, died at his home in Williamsburg, N. Y.

THE body of J. Walter Bradley, a member of the Board of Selectmen for the town of Milton, Mass., was found hanging to a tree in the woods at Mattapan.

News from Ecuador reports an epidemic of small-pox in the province of Azuay. There is no vaccine obtainable in the province, and the disease is spreading rapidly.

THERE is a rumor current around Brooklyn that several of the Aldermen who had figured in the arrangements for the celebration of Columbus Day, and who authorized the alleged extravagant expenditure of the city's funds, have been indicted by the grand jury.

In a suit at New York by E. M. Smedburg, the complaint charges Senator Proctor with being engaged in a fraudulent and illegal scheme to depreciate the apparent value of the property and to misappropriate the assets of the Vermont Marble Company, of which he was President from 1890 to 1893.

Cabinet Construction.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Most of the people in Washington interested in the gossip relating to Mr. Cleveland's cabinet choosing have settled down to the belief that Senator Carlisle is to be secretary of the treasury in the next administration. They are more inclined to this from the fact that the choice of Senator Carlisle would prove satisfactory to every one.

Among the guesses for the other departments are the names of ex-Minister Phelps of Vermont, for secretary of state, who divides with Don M. Dickinson, in the Washington mind, the best chance for that portfolio. Representative Herbert of Alabama and ex-Private Secretary Lamont are both talked of for the navy department. General Patrick Callins of Boston, is talked of for secretary of war. For the department of justice the names most generally mentioned are those of Representative Caldwell, of Texas; Martin F. Morrill, of this city; Representative Wilson, of West Virginia, and Hon. J. Randolph Tucker, of Virginia.

Representative Hout of Georgia who has served for many years on the committee on post-offices and post-roads in the house of representatives, is talked of for the head of the post-office department, and he may get the place if Mr. Herbert from the adjoining state does not get the navy department. He might be appointed anywhere, though it is thought to be more probable than in the event of the selection of Mr. Herbert a western man like ex-Governor Campbell of Ohio, who, however, says positively that he is not a cabinet possibility, will be appointed. For the interior department, Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, Mr. Gray, of Indiana, and other men from the western states are talked of, and the agriculture department, it is said, will go to Mr. Hatch, of Missouri, or to some democrat from the northwestern states.

The U. S. Senator.

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 2.—Donaldson Caffery of St. Mary's parish was appointed by Governor Foster to be senator of the United States to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Gibson, deceased.

Mr. Caffery was born in the Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana on September 10, 1835. He was educated at St. Mary's college, Maryland, and graduated with honors. He began life as a pioneer farmer in Rayson county, Texas, but returned to his native state in 1858. He was admitted to the bar in the following year. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the St. Mary's cannoniers. At Shiloh he fought under General Gibson.

News From Mrs. Maybrick.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Barones De Roque, the mother of Mrs. Maybrick, states that her daughter's health is improving. The Exchange Telegraph company also say that Mrs. Maybrick is recovering adding that the hemorrhages with which she was recently attacked, and which caused the reports that she was in a dying condition, were caused by the ravages of consumption. According to some of the newspapers here the reported illness of Mrs. Maybrick was nothing less than an attempt on her part to create public sympathy for herself and to induce Mr. Asquith to be secretary, to release her from confinement.

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NEBRASKA NEWS.

Perkins county people believe they have struck coal.

There is a large amount of unhusked corn in Hitchcock county.

The Presbyterian church at Coleridge has been dedicated. It cost \$1,814.

There are over 60,000 bushels of grain in the Grafton elevators, and not a car to be had.

One hundred and fifty men are sawing ice at Ashland for Swift & Co., of South Omaha.

The residence of Lon Cooper at Tecumseh was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$1,500.

Junilia has a first-class steam combination feed mill which is doing an immense business.

Sportsmen have taken advantage of the cold and snow to kill off all the quail in Otoe county.

The burned district in Verdigre will soon be rebuilt with a better class of buildings than before.

The authorities of Dakota county have decided to close up the gambling joints at South Sioux City.

Colridge claims to be the only town in northeastern Nebraska, that has a regular lecture course for the winter.

L. E. Churchill of Mead, had the misfortune to lose his pocketbook on the road last week. It contained \$40 in money.

J. A. Malone recently moved a house from Lexington to Cozad. The job took 18 days and the pulling was done by two traction engines.

A stove too near a wall started a conflagration in the post office at Mead, but prompt action by citizens prevented extensive damage.

A German named Carl Sauchen, living near Ewing, has become violently insane. He is a bachelor, and this should be a horrible warning.

John Conard of Cedar Creek, Cass county, while out hunting one day last week, accidentally discharged his gun, losing one of his index fingers by the operation.

A son of J. C. Anderson, aged about 13-years, was struck by a flying piece of wood, and received an injury which may result in the loss of one of his eyes.—Fremont Tribune.

Frank Shreve, the 12-year-old son of James T. Shreve, of Alexander, while skating on the Little Sandy, broke through the ice and was drowned. The body was recovered two hours later.

The Schuyler Quill reports that the directors of the Farmers' Exchange store have decided to go out of business. After a run of a couple of years without profit the business is to be dropped.

Fire broke out at North Platte in a large frame building belonging to the Union Pacific company and used for a laundry and sleeping compartments for the hotel hands. The fire department was summoned and the fire extinguished before much harm was done.

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